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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT: OAS WORKING GROUP DISCUSSES DRAFT
RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 14684

1. THE WORKING GROUP CREATED BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(PARA 8 REFTEL) MET THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 21, BUT DID
NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE FOR A COUNCIL RESOLUTION.
MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ARE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE,
ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PANAMA, PERU, UNITED
STATES, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA.

2. DISCUSSION WAS FAIRLY REALISTIC IN THE WORKING GROUP,
WHICH USES THE METHODS OF THE DIALOGUE (INFORMAL, NO PRESS
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OR TRANSCRIPTS). ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA PRESENTED A

TOUGHLY WORDED BUT QTE NEGOTIABLE UNQTE RESOLUTION. MOST OF THE OTHERS, (PARTICULARLY CHILE, JAMAICA, AND URUGUAY) URGED A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD NOT OFFEND CONGRESS AND SO HELP GET THE LAW CHANGED. A FEW SUGGESTED THAT QTE TOO MILD UNQTE A RESOLUTION MIGHT NOT BE POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE AT HOME.

3. A SMALLER GROUP (CHILE, MEXICO, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA) IS MEETING JANUARY 22 TO SEEK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND WE EXPECT THURSDAY A WATERED DOWN VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH WILL, INTER ALIA, PLACE THE MATTER ON THE OAS GENERAL

ASSEMBLY AGENDA IN APRIL.

4. AT WRITING, THERE IS NO DISPOSITION TO DUMP THE BA MFM EXCEPT FOR ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA, AND THE LATTER'S AMBASSADOR HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED MAKING ANY STATEMENT IN THE OAS THAT VENEZUELA WOULD DEFINITELY NOT GO TO BUENOS AIRES. A NUMBER OF DELEGATES URGED CAUTION, PARTICULARLY IN PRIVATE, SAYING THAT THE BA MFM IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY THE LATINS HAVE TO WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE SECRETARY. KISSINGER

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